

HB 1724 -- MISSOURI MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, the Adjutant General is authorized to make, subject to appropriations, grants from the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund to families of persons who are members of the Missouri National Guard or Missouri residents who are members of the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States and have been called to active duty as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. This bill authorizes, subject to appropriation, the Adjutant General to make grants or provide other financial assistance or services from the fund to the family of any person who is a member of the Missouri National Guard or a Missouri resident who is a member of the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that many deployed military members come home and find themselves in dire financial situations, the bill allows the Adjutant General to provide financial assistance to them to get back on their feet.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Office of the Adjutant General; and Pat Roe Kerr.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.